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INT. READY ROOM - LATER

Bradshaw stands at the podium - using a telestrator to walk through the telemetry of his engagement with Cream and Tinman/Nosebleed and then Maverick's Wildcard.

Cream, Tinman and Nosebleed sit adjacent to him. The other 8 trainees and Mav sit in the remaining seats facing them.

There's an undercurrent of tension in the room --- Spanky embarrassed Maverick and everyone knows it.

SPANKY

I sighted Captain Mitchell closing and pressed for the Kill on Blue-6, knowing that a continued engagement would cost too much airspeed for either of us to defend the Wildcard.

TINMAN

I concur.

NOSEBLEED

(chagrined nod to Bradshaw)
Red-4 displayed superior awareness of the environment and used it to his advantage for a kill.

SPANKY

I then merged with Captain Mitchell. Maneuvered to Become offensive. Took a valid, fox-2. Pressed into gun solution for multiple valid gun kills. The fighter noted poor out of plane guns-defense out of the bandit. Captain Mitchell anything to add?

MAVERICK

Negative. I concur with your assessment. Good shots, good kills.

MERLIN

I have a question.

Everyone spins in surprise. Merlin stands at the back door into the room.

SPANKY

Sir! Attention on deck!

Mav and all the Pilots move to snap to attention.

MERLIN

At ease. Keep your seats.

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SPANKY

Yes sir. You had a question?

MERLIN

You took a valid Fox-2, but it seems to me you violated training rules and pressed inside 1000' for a gun kill. And why did you not acknowledge that fact in your assessment?

SPANKY

(hesitates)

Sir, you're right. I missed that. I wanted to continue to practice, and Missiles can be defeated, sir.

Merlin glances skeptically towards Mav.

MERLIN

Captain?

MAVERICK

Sir, it was maybe a little close, but I concur with his decision to continue beyond the Fox-2. The parameters that we're training for push all of the norms. He had his fangs out and moved in for the kill.

Merlin reluctantly nods, but he's not wholly buying it.

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